Traveling Tips to the 500 Mile Race

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All roads may lead to Indianapolis but only a few will get you to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in time to see qualifications on May 12, 13, 19 and 20 and the Indianapolis 500 Race on May 27, 2007.

Starting Out

The routes are designed to get people to the race on time, but only if drivers allow themselves plenty of time. The earlier everyone arrives in Indianapolis the better. Track gates will open at 6 a.m. race day, and the race begins at 1 p.m. According to Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul E. Whitesell, fans should arrive at the Marion County line no later than 9 a.m. to assure seating at the track in time to view all pre-race activities and the start of the race.

When starting the trip early in the morning, make sure the car and everyone is ready for the day.

Roads to Take

Now that you are ready to travel to the race, here are the routes you need to take. The Indiana State Police suggest you follow these routes and the directions the officers working give you.
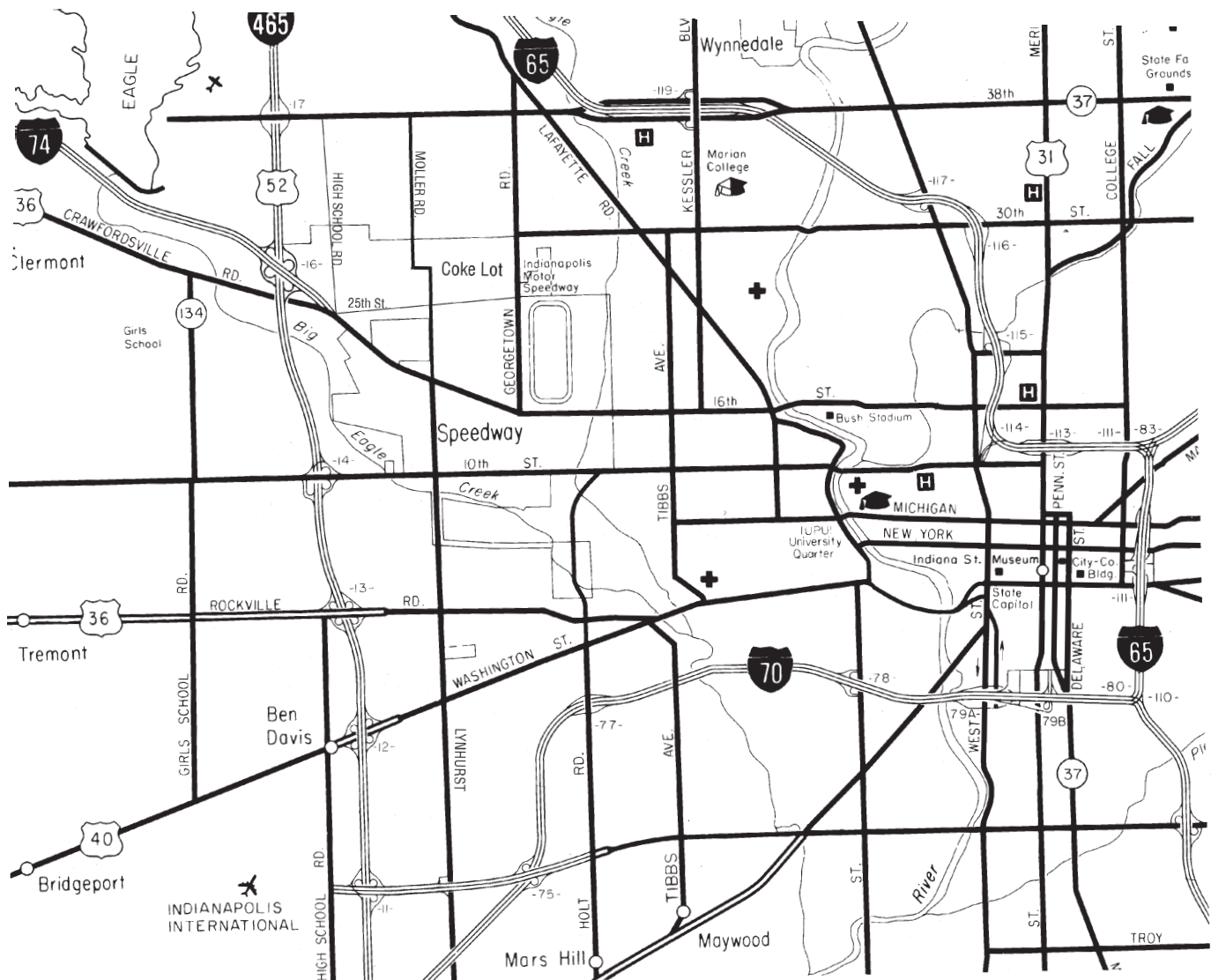
If you're coming from within Indianapolis (east going west), take 16th or 30th Streets.

Vehicles on 16th Street will be directed into Gate 2 or any off-street parking along that route. Vehicles on 30th Street will be routed into Gate 10 or any off-street parking along that road. Access to the Coca-Cola Plant (Lot 1) is also available via 30th Street.

Campers and buses with the exception of those with proper placards will not be allowed inside the Speedway property. Sufficient parking is available in the Coca-Cola Plant (Lot 1) and other areas.

I-65

Drivers using I-65 in the downtown area and wanting to utilize infield parking should exit at 30th Street west bound to Gate 10. Access to the Coca-Cola Plant (Lot 1) is also available via 30th Street.

All drivers coming from the north, northwest or northeast on either I-465 or I-65 are encouraged to use I-465 west to the38th Street, US 136 and 10th Street exits. All three will provide access to Speedway parking.

I-465

From I-465 there are only three exits motorists can take to get to the Speedway.

You can take 10th Street, Exit 14A, to Lynhurst Drive where you will be directed north on Lynhurst. You can then choose off-street parking in the area, or continue north on Lynhurst Drive and join the traffic on US 136.

Another exit you can take is US 136, Exit 16A. Vehicles will be sent in three directions but all will get to the track.

Any vehicles with parking permits for private lots west of the track must be in the right hand lane of US 136 in order to be directed east to Georgetown Road for parking.

All vehicles in the left lane of US 136 will be sent north on Lynhurst Drive where two lanes of traffic will form. At 25th Street, the right lane will be directed east on 25th to Meyers Avenue, then south on Meyers to McCray Street, east to Georgetown Road and in Gate 7 or to private parking in that area. The cars in the left lane of Lynhurst will continue north on Lynhurst, west on 26th Street, north on Moller Road, and east on 30th Street to parking in the Coca-Cola parking lot (Lot 1).

You can also take 38th Street east, Exit 17, from I-465 and go south on Moller Road, then east on 30th Street to park in the Coca-Cola parking lot. If traffic on Moller is backed up, vehicles on 38th will be sent to Georgetown Road and then south to the Coke lot (Lot 1). 30th Street is a good alternative to other streets that fill up quickly.

Officers will be in contact with each other, traffic helicopters, and the track control tower via radio so they can determine what roads are backed up, and reroute traffic accordingly.

Be patient and follow officers' directions and any signs pointing out routes. Officers from the Indiana State Police, Speedway Police Department, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and Motor Speedway Security will be directing traffic in and around the track.

Parking

Where you choose to park will determine the exit route you will be directed to take.

• park west of Lynhurst; you're likely to travel westbound on Crawfordsville Road or southbound on Lynhurst Drive [I-465 & I-70].

• park in the infield you would most likely travel eastbound on 16th Street [I-65 & I-70].

• park in Gate 10 [North 40] after the race you will be directed eastbound on 30th Street toward I-65 or downtown Indianapolis.

• park south of the Speedway track or along 16th Street you will be directed eastbound on 16th Street toward I-65 or downtown Indianapolis, unless you travel southbound to10th Street where you will be directed eastbound to Holt Road to I-70.

• park west of Main Street south of Crawfordsville Road you will be directed southbound on Lynhurst Drive toward I-70or I-465.

• park in the Coke Plant (Lot 1), the variables include where you parked and when you leave. The most common traveled routes include northbound on Moller Road or High School

Road or southbound on Georgetown Road. The destination would include I-465 or eastbound 16th Street to downtown Indianapolis.

Parking is available along almost every street that the officers will direct traffic. Very few parking spaces will be free. Prices could range from $5 to $20.

Drivers with special stickers for parking on the west side of the track are to use the right lane of US 136. Then you will be directed to Georgetown Road or to Winton Avenue, then north to 20th Street where you will find designated parking lots.

Leaving the Track

The Indiana State Police ask that not everyone leave the track immediately after the race. It would certainly be nicer to stay outside than be stuck in your car in a traffic jam. Remember, it took a long time to get all of those vehicles into the track and it will take a long time to get them out.

Everyone leaving the area of the Speedway needs to be aware of the fact that regardless of what direction they are sent, they will reach a main artery (Interstate System) within a distance of one to four miles. Officers will direct traffic out in the quickest, most efficient way. You should follow their directions. Be aware that routes may change because of traffic congestion. Follow the instructions you are given by the officers.

Other Transportation . . .

Some people won't want to drive their vehicles to the track. Those race fans can take a taxi or bus. Taxis are available from downtown and Indianapolis International Airport for transportation to the track.

On race day there will be 400 licensed taxicabs operating in Marion County. These cabs will use the emergency route for taxis, buses and emergency vehicles. The cost of this transportation will be $11 per person with a four person per trip minimum. The rates will be in effect from midnight prior to the race until four hours after the race has been completed.

The IndyGo Speedway Express is a good way to get to and from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. On race day IndyGo and taxis utilize routes closed to regular traffic, except for emergency vehicles.

Race Day

On race day - Sunday, May 27, IndyGo buses will begin shuttling passengers at 9 a.m. from downtown and the airport, and will shuttle to the track until 15 minutes prior to the start of the race. Shuttle service from the track will continue until three hours after the race ends. A round trip ticket race day will cost $15; one-way tickets may be purchased for the same price, children under two ride free. One-way tickets will be collected at the boarding sites.

If boarding from downtown, you can board on Capitol Street in front of the RCA Dome ticket office, or on the east side of Illinois Street, north of Market Street and at IUPUI lot 73 (off Michigan and Blackford Streets). From the airport, you can board the bus at the lower level of the main terminal or at International Arrivals off Pierson Drive and Banner Avenue.

Leaving the Track

If you want to go downtown or to the airport, go to Main Street and Gilman Road, (south of 16th Street). After the race, you should board the bus on 10th Street between Polco Street and Cossell/Winton Ave.